

INSTEAD of saying they differ from him in opinion, a few Kansas editors say President Wilson is wrong.

The Topeka State Journal

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Snow tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

HOME EDITION

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IN BLOODY DUEL WITH U-SEAMAN

Captive Sailors Attack German Submarine Raiders.

Hand to Hand Combat Lasted for Three Hours.

STEAMER SEAMEN OVERCOME

Eight Killed, 14 Wounded, Then British Surrender.

Ship Sunk—Survivors Then Captured by Moors.

London, Feb. 3.—Survivors of the British steamer Woodfield, sunk by a submarine off the Moroccan coast, arrived here today with a story of a bloody fight with the U-boat's crew.

The submarine, one of the newest and speediest of the German undersea boats, overhauled the Woodfield after a short chase and sent out a boarding party.

The Woodfield's crew attacked the submarine's crew in hand-to-hand combat on the deck and engaged them in a hand-to-hand duel. The U-boat was unable to bring her gun into play for fear of hitting her own men.

The hand-to-hand combat on the Woodfield's deck lasted three hours. The steamer's crew, poorly armed, were finally overcome after capturing the U-boat's crew.

Eight British sailors were killed and fourteen wounded. They were put into small boats and towed toward the Moroccan coast. There the U-boat's crew, when they reached land, they said.

Demanding Ransom. A party of bandit Moors and their approach and made them prisoners. They were released after the Woodfield shipping company of London, the vessel's owners, paid ransom.

The survivors were landed at Plymouth yesterday and returned to the company's office today.

Landing of the Woodfield's survivors at Plymouth was reported in yesterday's dispatch. The Woodfield was a 3,581-ton steamer commanded by P. J. Kelly and registered at London.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

Rickard Says Willard and Moran Have Come to Terms.

Jess Will Get \$10,000 and Moran \$20,000 for Bout.

New York, Feb. 3.—Tex Rickard, here today that Jess Willard had signed a contract at Chicago, to meet Frank Moran here in a 10-round bout on March 17. Rickard has guaranteed \$30,000 for the match, of which Willard is to receive \$10,000 and Moran \$20,000 he said.

The Rickard financial terms involve no percentage privileges for either man, but they do mention some guarantees that will be paid in the event of a no-decision fight.

Willard Signs Up. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—Jess Willard signed a contract here today to meet Frank Moran at Madison Square Garden, New York, March 17, in a ten round match. The agreement was reached between Dave Lewinsky, representing Tex Rickard, Willard's manager, and Tom Jones for Jess Willard.

Rickard some time ago obtained Moran's signature, consenting to meet Willard.

AFFIRMS CONVICTION

Imprisoned Ex-Mayor Now in Prison Must Remain There.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The convictions of Tom M. Roberts, former mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., and his conviction found guilty with him of election frauds, were sustained by the United States district court of appeals here today.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 3.—"The decision is a shock to me; it is very disappointing," said Tom M. Roberts, former mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., who told a day of the decision by the United States district court of appeals at Chicago.

"Of course, we shall appeal to the United States supreme court. Until the highest judicial body passes on the case, I shall make no application for a parole, for I believe I will be vindicated in the end."

Roberts was at work in the general store at the United States penitentiary here when he heard the news. He is a clerk in the store which is maintained to provide supplies for prisoners.

CENTENARIAN DID NOT SMOKE OR DRINK, IS DEAD

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Dexter Capener Stanley, centenarian, whose hundredth birthday was celebrated January 12 by the citizens of Dufer's Grove, a suburb, where he had lived for 81 years, died today.

An attack of grippe and grief over the recent death of his wife, Mrs. Frances Stanley, whom he married sixty years ago, proved too much for his feeble old constitution. Mr. Stanley attributed his long life to his habits of moderation. He never used tobacco nor tasted intoxicants.

Avenge Slain Brother, Earl Is a Private

London, Feb. 3.—Sir John Crichton-Stuart, marquis of Eglar, three times an earl, twice a viscount and six times a baron, is a private in "the devil's own," the pet name of the Irish coast guard's training corps.

He is determined to go to the front to avenge the death of his brother, Lord Vivian Crichton-Stuart, who fell leading the Sixth Welsh territorial in France.

BUT 6 SPEECHES

Five Kansans and Senator Chilton to Address Democrats.

Miss Laura French Will Represent the New Voters.

ATTENDANCE OF ABOUT 1,000

Is Expected at the Banquet To Be Held Feb. 22.

State Central Committee to Meet on Same Date.

There will be but six speeches at the annual Democrat banquet in Topeka, February 22, according to a statement today by Thomas E. Lillard, in charge of the banquet program.

Lillard today announced the list of speakers—five Kansans and Senator William E. Chilton of West Virginia, the guest of honor.

One Kansas woman will talk to the Democrats this year. She is Miss Laura French, city editor of William Allen White's Emporia Gazette. In all the days when White has been up and down with the Republican party, and when he went into the Progressive party to take up a crusade against his former political associates, Miss French has always kept her Democratic convictions.

She is a most energetic, earnest, Democrat of the old school and the fact that she has for a number of years been in charge of the news department of the Gazette has in no manner jarred her political convictions.

Other speakers at the banquet this year will be John E. Wagner, Larned, former Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor; W. W. Holloway, Kansas City, former Democratic candidate for governor; and Senator William E. Chilton, United States senator from West Virginia.

Lillard said that the banquet will be preceded by a meeting of the state committee and the Democratic State Editorial association.

SOLELY FOR PEACE

No Fear Pope's Nationality Would Interfere

Should Vatican Send Delegate to Conference?

Rome, Feb. 3.—The question as to whether the pope, the pontiff who is expected to be held at the conclusion of the war, is raised again today by the Vatican.

Count Soderini, a member of the Italian chamber of deputies and the man to whom Pope Leo XIII entrusted the documents from which the history of his pontificate was to be written.

Count Soderini says that Pope Benedict XV, since he has been elevated to the papacy, has always aimed at the conclusion of a just and lasting peace.

"Those who oppose his participation in the peace conference," says Count Soderini, "do so for fear he might raise the question of the internationalization of the papacy which Italy considers would involve the interference of foreigners in her internal affairs. If the pope took such a step he would create new reasons for a conflict which shows obviously that such could not be his intention as his sole desire is for peace."

"The pope being an Italian and intelligent, naturally seeks a solution of the Roman question independently of foreign intervention. His participation through delegates in the peace conference is an immense moral influence exercised in the solution of the arduous questions of Poland, Belgium, Serbia and Armenia."

MORE REORGANIZING

King George Officially Sets Date for Enforcement of Military Conscription Bill.

London, Feb. 3.—King George, at a private council today, signed a proclamation fixing Feb. 10 as the date on which the military conscription acts shall be regarding as coming into force.

TURNER PLEADS GUILTY

Sedan Banker Gets From 2 to 15 Years for Fraud.

Sedan, Kan., Feb. 3.—F. E. Turner, former cashier of the Citizens State bank at Chautauque, Kan., pleaded guilty today to receiving reports when he knew the bank was in a failing condition and to forgery and was given an indeterminate sentence of from two to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

U. S. ORDERS TO LAND PRISONERS AREN'T OBEYED

German in Charge of Appam Parries With Uncle Sam.

Insists on Holding 200 of the Helpless Captives.

CALLS THEM WAR PRISONERS

Officials Unable to Determine Status of Prize Ship.

Treaties Clash: British and German Diplomats Mix In.

Newport News, Feb. 3.—Everyone aboard the Appam, the prize ship, and members of the prize crew, will be permitted to land whenever they desire. This was ordered by United States officials late today. But Lieutenant Berg insists he has a right to retain all war prisoners.

With her German prize commander on the bridge, the British liner Appam moved up from Old Point early today and anchored off this port to discharge those on board. The ship's legal status still is undetermined. Lieutenant Berg moves his craft only on orders from Collector Hamilton.

"We are treating her as an English ship which has put into an American port flying the German naval ensign and under charge of a man who says he is an officer of the German navy," Mr. Hamilton's explanation of the present attitude of the United States.

Some of those who were passengers on the Appam when she was captured by the German raider, variously described as the Panga or Woevo, prepared to land in Newport News, but must of them will be transferred with the crews of other captured vessels to Norfolk, there to board a steamer to New York on their way to England.

Rates Ship With Iron Hand. Sir Edward Merewether and other British colonial officials with large quantities of baggage have arranged to place their property in customs bonds here and proceed directly to New York to take the first available ship for home.

Lieutenant Berg still maintains his determination to permit no one on board the Appam except those who have official business. Though studiously polite to the United States officials, even to American officials and insists upon recognition of his absolute authority over the ship and her commander.

He insists on holding more than 200 people aboard, including his own prize crew of 22 men, the German prize crew, and the crews of the Appam and the Panga, Captain Harrison and the entire crew of 155 of the Appam and 12 of the Panga, who he claims belong to the British army or navy.

Financial Aid for British. Prince von Batzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy at Washington, today said that the British navy attaché, reached here from Old Point Comfort soon after the ship anchored.

Prince von Batzfeldt said that the respective governments. The prince is urging his claim that the Appam is a prize of war, entitled under an old Prussian-American treaty to remain in an American port as long as the prize crew desires. Captain Gaunt, assisted by the British vice consul, is managing the removal of English subjects and awaiting the outcome of his embassy's demand that all those held on the liner be permitted to leave.

Immigration Officer Williams boarded the Appam today and asked whether he, to pass upon the persons desiring to land. He was accompanied by British Vice Consul Kenworthy, prepared to guarantee transportation and subsistence for all British subjects whose financial troubles might otherwise prevent their departure.

Was Cruiser in Disguise. Daniel Bacon, agent of the Elder Dempster company, British owners of the Appam, said that the vessel was captured by "a new type of light draft, heavily armed, swift German cruiser built on the lines of a merchant ship, but with a heavy armament."

"She was not an old warship but a brand new vessel," said Mr. Bacon. "I cannot say her name though I have been officially told. The cruiser which captured the Appam was escorted by several other vessels, at least one of which was a collier that also acted as a scout ship."

"I understand that the sum of \$150,000 in gold was taken from the Appam and that the mails and cargo are intact."

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Heir of Turk Throne 'Removed' per Official Order.

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Invasion Equal Rights Claims Booze Bazaars

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—"Equal rights" has invaded San Francisco saloons. Fashionably dressed women drink alongside the men and seem just as adept at their male escorts at crooking the elbow while resting a dainty, slippered foot on the brass rail.

In one of the Equal Rights Thirsteries, a landmark of the days of the '49 gold rush, it requires a line of white-coated bartenders to keep abreast of the demand for a seductive South American punch that has made the place famous.

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AUSTRO-POLISH ARISTOCRAT WINS PEOPLE'S LOVE BY HER WAR WORK



Countess Wanda Lubienka.

Countess Wanda Lubienka, an Austro-Polish aristocrat of high social position and wealth, is a patroness of the Society for War Injured. She has made herself very popular with the people by her energetic work for the war sufferers.

CRAZED BY HAZING NEW AIR POLICY

Alleged "Silent Gunman" De-England Urged to Drastic Zep- rangs, Asserts Father. pellin Campaign.

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Crowd at St. Louis Today Estimated at 45,000.

Ends Preparedness Trip: in Capital Tomorrow.

SECOND JAUNT ABOUT FEB. 11

Declares He Finds West Approves Defense Plan.

Business Men's League Favored With Breakfast Speech.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—President Wilson today told an audience of 15,000 which swayed with a tumult of cheering at his feet, that the United States should have the greatest navy in the world.

"I believe the navy of the United States should be incomparably," he said, "the greatest in the world."

The president declared that submarine commanders abroad have instructions for the most part conforming with international law but that the act of one commander might set the world afire including America.

"Upon the ocean there are hundreds of cargoes of American goods," he said, "cotton, grain, and all the bountiful supplies America is sending out to the world. Any one of these cargoes, any one of those ships, may be the point of contact that will bring America into the war."

United States Really Neutral. For the first time during the tour the president told of how one set of belligerents was cut off from the world. He said this kind of the United States from helping them as it would like. He made the statement in trying to show that the United States really is neutral.

An hour before the time set for the president to speak the hall was crowded and the jam of those outside extended several blocks away. The crowd at the doors choked the streets, and an overflow estimated at 25,000 turned away.

Five hundred policemen, 200 firemen kept the crowd inside in order. The Coliseum was decorated with bunting and streamers to the strains of the national anthem. City employees had a holiday and all the schools were dismissed for the day. A school chorus of 1,500 tucked away in a corner, sang national airs.

As the president entered the